



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 16, 1998

H.R. 3113

Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act of 1998

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on March 11, 1998

SUMMARY

H.R. 3113 would reauthorize, through fiscal year 2004, annual appropriations to the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund at the existing authorization level of up to \$10 million. The current authorizations expire after fiscal year 2000. The Secretary of the Interior uses this fund primarily to help finance research and conservation programs overseas. From its inception in 1994, the fund has received appropriations totaling \$1 million.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3113 would result in additional discretionary spending of \$12 million over the 2001-2003 period. The legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 3113 does not contain any intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA), and would have no impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The authorizations specified by the bill are the same as the current authorization level but are significantly higher than the \$200,000 to \$400,000 that has been appropriated in each of the last few years. For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the entire amounts authorized by H.R. 3113 would be appropriated for each fiscal year through 2004. Outlay estimates are based on historical spending patterns for this program. The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3113 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						
1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	

SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Spending Under Current Law						
Authorization Level ^a	b	10	10	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	b	1	4	6	6	3
Proposed Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	0	0	10	10	10
Estimated Outlays	0	0	0	1	4	7
Spending Under H.R. 3113						
Estimated Authorization Level ^a	b	10	10	10	10	10
Estimated Outlays	b	1	4	7	10	10

a. The 1998 level is the amount appropriated for that year. The 1999 and 2000 levels are the amounts authorized under current law.

b. Less than \$500,000.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 3113 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would have no impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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